

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

SUBJECT: MURKIN

- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Malley
- Mr. McGowan
- Mr. Long

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Mr. Mohr
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is attached a letterhead memorandum dated June 17, 1968, for the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Pollak of the Civil Rights Division and Assistant Attorney General Vinson of the Criminal Division, setting forth results of the investigation conducted in Portugal concerning James Earl Ray.

The investigation was conducted by the Portuguese International and State Security Police and was made available to our Legal Attache, Paris. The memorandum shows that Ray arrived in Lisbon, Portugal, on May 8, 1968, and departed Lisbon en route to London on May 17, 1968; that he was issued a new passport by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon since the original passport allegedly misspelled the last name he was using as Sneya rather than Sneyd; that he displayed a Canadian birth certificate in the name of Ramon George Sneyd; that he frequented bars or night clubs where he could pick up girls and was in the habit of staying out late at night and sleeping late during the day; and that inquiry had been made at the Rhodesian Mission in Lisbon but that employees there failed to recognize the subject's photograph, and there was no record of any inquiry having been made by him. Investigation previously revealed that Ray had exhibited interest in going to Rhodesia. During the inquiries in Portugal, particular attention was given to attempting to determine if subject was alone or was accompanied by other individuals. It was ascertained he was alone in all instances except those described above.

ACTION:

The attached letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Pollak and Assistant Attorney General Vinson.

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